1 2 3 4 5 6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA 8 No. CV-15-02464-PHX-DGC Robert W. Birks, Thomas Colburn, and 9 Aaron Post, 10 Plaintiffs, **ORDER** 11 v. 12 GinJoint, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; Joe Nolan and Jane 13 Doe Nolan, husband and wife and 14 citizens of Pennsylvania; Eric Israel and Jane Doe Israel, husband and wife and 15 citizens of Texas; Al Carter and Jane Doe 16 Carter, husband and wife and citizens of Delaware; and Wayne Wilson and Jane 17 Doe Wilson, husband and wife and citizens of Pennsylvania, 18 19 Defendants. 20 The Court, having considered the Joint Expedited Motion to Approve Settlement 21 22 Agreement and to Dismiss the Action With Prejudice filed by counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for Defendant GinJoint, LLC (Doc. 16), finds as follows, good cause appearing, 23 THE COURT FINDS that, because Plaintiffs asserted a claim under the Fair 24 Labor Standards Act ("FLSA), the Court must approve any settlement reached by the 25 parties. Lynn's Food Stores, Inc. v. United States, 679 F.2d 1350, 1354 (11th Cir. 1982). 26 The Court may approve the settlement if it reflects a "reasonable compromise over 27 issues." 679 F.2d at 1354.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties in this action entered into a Mediation Conference Memorandum following a two-day mediation conference held before Gary L. Birnbaum as Mediator. The Mediation resolved the unpaid wage claims asserted in this action, as well as other disputes and litigation existing between certain parties.

As to the portion of the parties' Mediation Conference Memorandum that relates to the unpaid wage claims asserted in this action, the Court finds that the payment of \$122,000 to Plaintiffs reflects a knowing, voluntary, and reasonable resolution.

## IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and Dismiss the Lawsuit with Prejudice (Doc. 16) is **granted.**
- 2. The terms and provisions of the Mediation Conference Memorandum solely as to the resolution of the claims and causes of action related to the unpaid wage claims asserted in this action are approved.
- 3. That Plaintiffs shall file a Notice of Receipt of Funds as to the \$122,000 payment on or before **February 23, 2016.** The Clerk shall dismiss this action with prejudice, each party to bear his, her or its own attorneys' fees and costs on **February 23, 2016** without further of the Court.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2016.

David G. Campbell United States District Judge

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